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# EAGLE-ON-CANNON

**June 2010** 

#### Message from the National President

Aloha NAS Members. Our Annual National NAS convention and banquet is scheduled for 15 and 16 June 2010. The National Officers and I are working to make this another successful convention along with our visits to meet with our congressionals. The convention will be time for us to assess the past year's objectives and to formulate goals for the up coming year. We will focus on discussing issues that are common to the chapters, developing shared solutions and preparations for the future. The NAS can and will be effective in positively influencing a common goal and objectives for all of us. The banquet is time for fellowship and establishing new relationships. We will also induct the new National E-board and wish them off to a fruitful year.

A special congratulations to the new NAS board members at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Chapter.

Norfolk Naval Shipyard Chapter, President – Glenn Edwards Vice President – Duane Franklin Secretary – Crystal Brady Treasurer – Joe Vandriesen Master at Arms – Lonnie Kenley

Aloha and thank you, Kaipo Crowell NASNSE National President

# 2010 National Association of Superintendents of U.S. Naval Shore Establishments Convention

This year's annual NAS convention will be held again in Washington D.C. at the Hilton Hotel in Alexandria Old Town on 15 and 16 June 2010. Last year's convention was such a success, the Executive Board elected to use the Hilton Hotel in Alexandria Old Town for our convention with its business friendly meeting and banquet facilities. The hotel is nestled in the heart of the bustling, historic Old Town Alexandria in Virginia, adjacent to the King Street Metro and Amtrak Station and is just minutes from the Washington Reagan National Airport and our Nation's Capitol. The two day convention agenda will review significant events and resolutions from the past year, host informative discussions dealing with our Association, the corporation the Superintendents support, and the people that make up our working family. We will also elect our new Executive Board for the upcoming year. To top off the annual event, we will host the convention dinner on the evening of Wednesday, 16 June 2010. If you are interested in joining the Executive Board and Chapter Presidents for the convention, please contact your local Chapter Executive Boards for information. The next edition of the Eagle on Cannon (NAS newsletter) will contain news of the completed convention.



Hilton Hotel, Alexandria Old Town, Virginia



Washington, D.C., our Nation's Capitol

PORTSMOUTH

## National Association of Superintendents Naval Shore Establishments Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Chapter Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Greetings from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Chapter. The first part of this year has been a busy, challenging one here at Portsmouth. We have returned the USS DALLAS back to the fleet. The USS DALLAS had been a tough project and offered a number of challenges but the team stayed on point to work through these successfully. The USS OKLAHOMA CITY is starting the test phase along with the late addition of the forward modernization package. We are driving to deliver the USS OKLAHOMA CITY by the end of September. USS HELENA is going very well. The project team is doing an excellent job of maintaining an accurate schedule and communicating all goals with the entire team. The USS SAN JUAN arrived and we are very excited to start another Engineered Overhaul. Out in San Diego, we completed the USS ALBUQUERQUE. This was our first Dry-docking Continuous Maintenance Availability. This was a great effort by the team completing USS ALBUQUERQUE ahead of schedule.

Recognizing that core values and standards are critical to the successful performance of our Shipyard, our membership has initiated a significant effort to the Renewal of Shipyard Values and Pride (RSVP). We have established teams to conduct a series of workshops to introduce RSVP to all of our Shipyard employees. We continue to be very busy with finding ways to develop our new workforce in a more efficient manner. Much of our approach is with coaching and mentoring initiatives to accelerate the rate at which newer employees master their trades.

John Sampson Chapter President



# National Association of Superintendents Naval Shore Establishments Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and IMF Chapter Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

Doom is upon us...the world is ending...Eddie Han has retired. Really all is well, but Eddie Han did retire in March. He is off to start his second career as a softball player, little league coach, and spending time with his wife, Nancy and his family, especially the grandchildren. On his last day in the shipyard, 2 March 2010, without any fanfare, Eddie allowed us to throw him a farewell luncheon with Subway sandwiches and a few small presentations. A few weeks later, a party in his honor was attended by numerous family, friends, and other shipyard retiree's. The food was good, the company was great, and everyone had a good time. Awards and presentations were given by fellow Superintendents, Bill Sullivan, Kevin Correa, and Dan Yamane. The party was really a "Talk Story" time, as Eddie's long time friends told stories of their many encounters with him. Congratulations to Eddie Han on his long and successful career at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility. He will be sorely missed as he embarks on his second career.

Another congratulation is in order as another one of our fellow Superintendents has left the shipyard. Ronald Takashima retired this past Friday (30 April 2010) and is looking forward to starting his second career in residential maintenance and upgrades.

Our shipyard completed the USS BREMERTON DSRA on time as scheduled and is continuing work on the USS CHICAGO EOH as they work towards meeting key event dates. Pre-planning is occurring on the USS KEY WEST EOH project starting this Summer and led by Project Superintendent Nate Lorenzo. The USS COLUMBUS DSRA is also in pre-planning and targeted to start this Fall. The project is being led by Project Superintendent, Miles Kotoshirodo. The shipyard is currently accomplishing work on the USS HAWAII (Virginia Class) as it goes through the first dry-docking FMB POM availability. Overtime is a continuing issue as we work through budget and workload issues.

Several lunches were hosted in our cabin. The first was with the USS CHICAGO Ward Room, as we continue to build our working relationship and support for the ships in the shipyard. The second luncheon was with Admiral Campbell and Sharon Smoot while they were in the shipyard for our recent NAVSEA program review.

Clem Lopez Chapter President



## National Association of Superintendents Naval Shore Establishments Puget Sounds Naval Activities Chapter Bremerton, Washington

The Puget Sound Chapter is proud to welcome two new members. Ken Koemmpel, the Project Superintendent for the FY 11 USS GEORGE WASHINGTON SRA was inducted into the association in February and Code 740 Lifting and Handling Superintendent, Tim Morris was inducted in April. We look forward to their contribution and participation in our Chapter.



New NAS members Tim Morris and Ken Koemmpel from the Puget Sound Chapter

2010 is turning out to be a busier year than expected for Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. Under the leadership of Superintendent Tim Ferguson and Deputy Project Superintendent Terry Brown, the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) PIA was completed on January 15th, one day early. PSNS & IMF completed over 230,000 mandays during the eight month availability. Project Superintendent Matt Campbell's team sucessfully completed almost 40,000 mandays of I level work in four months on the USS MICHIGAN (SSGN-727) MMP. The USS NEVADA (SSBN-733) is nearing completion of its 27 month ERO. USS Nevada Project Superintendent Glen Allen and his team were recently awarded the Nuclear Production Department "Standards of Excellence Award" for March 2009 and Superintendent Allen was nominated "Employee of the Year" in the Trades Manager category. Project Superintendent Chris Hughes and his team are close to completion of FY 10 SRA on the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN-73) in Japan. This is our second SRA on the GW in Japan. Before we could enjoy the return of our people from Japan, we were challenged to send almost three hundred people to San Diego to take on emergent main engine work on the USS Nimitz (CVN-70). The ex-USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63) was officially moved to the Inactive Ships Maintenance Office Bremerton on January 27th. She served the Navy for 48 years and racked up 448, 235 catapult launches and 407,507 arrested landings on her flight deck. Many of us at Puget have fond memories of working on the CV-63 early in our careers.

The PSNS & IMF Career fair was held on January 22nd and 23rd at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. The event attracted over 7,500 people interested in more than 400 job openings available in the various commands in our area. More than 20 trades were represented as well as representatives from our Apprentice and Helper Programs. The Southwest Regional Apprenticeship Program at North Island Naval Air Station is on track to hire the first apprentice class this June. The participating commands include PSNS & IMF, Southwest Regional Maintenance Center, and NAVAIR's Fleet Readiness Center Southwest. Southwestern College is the academic educational provider.

Fred Buxton Chapter President

